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end-capped imides as opposed to low molecular weight polyimide oligomers; the Bilow et al patent teaches end-capped backbone structures of only one unit wherein an entire sample contains only molecules of the same length and molecular weight. Bilow et al teach the use of end-cap groups that will not survive melt condensation polymerization conditions. Finally, Bilow et al teach materials that are neither liquid crystalline nor have melt viscosities in the range of approximately 1 to approximately 250 poise at a shear rate of 100 radials/second.---

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:

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Reinhardt et al teach, in U.S. Pat. No. 4,513,131, phenylacetylene end-capped low molecular weight pure aryl-ethers as opposed to the polyester, poly(ester-amide), and poly(ester-imide) oligomers. Reinhardt et al teach materials that are not liquid crystals. Reinhardt et al teach pure low molecular weight polymer samples as opposed to the oligomeric mixtures.

Page 6, line 17, please delete the general formula and replace with:

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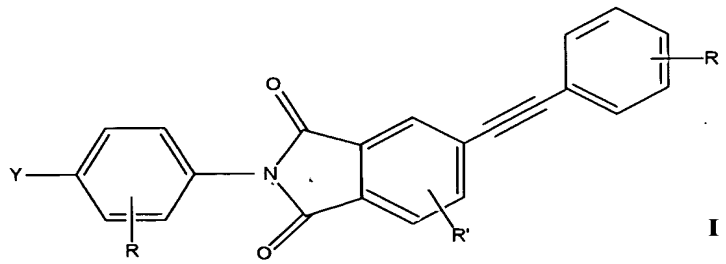

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Page 6, line 24, please delete the general formula and replace with: